

Governor John Engler  
Hereby Issues this Executive Declaration  
in Observance of

September 11 - October 11, 2002

as

**MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE**

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2002, our nation faces the one year anniversary of the horrible and cowardly attacks on our freedom; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush is asking all Americans to recognize September 11<sup>th</sup> as Patriot Day; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our Great Lakes State are good and honorable people, showing unity and patriotism, and I urge all who are able to participate in a two-fold, month long campaign of giving blood and displaying our nation's flag and the patriotic colors of red, white, and blue; and

WHEREAS, a gift of blood is literally a gift of life—one unit of blood can save up to three lives after the blood is divided into red cells, platelets, and plasma; and

WHEREAS, after the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, people throughout Michigan donated blood in large numbers, however, that number of potential donors has declined to a number barely able to sustain the ongoing need for blood and blood products in our state; and

WHEREAS, citizens from all areas of our great state can again come together to the aid of our country and ensure our future by giving blood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby declare September 11 – October 11, 2002, as MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE in Michigan, and I urge the people of our Great Lakes State to set and reach the goal of 911 new blood donors over the next 30 days.

Given under my hand on this tenth day of September  
in the year of our Lord two thousand and two and of  
the Commonwealth one hundred and sixty-five.

Governor